

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, GREAT LAKES, LAND USE, AND ENVIRONMENT

Thursday, March 16, 2006

9:00 a.m.

Room 519 House Office Building

Representative Palsrok, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Palsrok, Pavlov, Meyer, Palmer, LaJoy, Elsenheimer, Moore, Pearce, Gillard, Miller, Byrnes, Kathleen Law, Bennett and Donigan.

Representative LaJoy moved to excuse absent members.

Representative Gillard supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Ward.

Representative Meyer moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2006 meeting.

Representative Gillard supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5554 before the committee.

HB 5554 Hune Environmental protection; other; designation of a school as a "green school"; establish criteria.

Representative Hune testified in support of HB 5554.

Kris Moffett and ten seniors from Hartland High School testified in support of HB 5554.

Brad Garmon, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, submitted a card in support of HB 5554, but did not wish to speak.*

Bob Morris, representing the Michigan Department of Education, submitted a card indicating a neutral position on HB 5554, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Gillard moved to report out HB 5554 with recommendation.

Representative Meyer supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 14-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Palsrok, Pavlov, Meyer, Palmer, LaJoy, Elsenheimer, Moore, Pearce, Gillard, Miller, Byrnes, Kathleen Law, Bennett and Donigan,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HB 5554 reported out with recommendation.

The Chair laid HB 5479 before the committee.

HB 5479 LaJoy Education; school districts; local input into school site plans; provide for under certain circumstances.

Representative LaJoy testified in support of HB 5479.

Bill Rustem, representing Public Sector Consultants, testified in support of HB 5479.

Don Olendorf, representing Michigan Small and Rural Schools, testified in support of HB 5479.

David Bertram, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in support of HB 5479.

Andy Schor, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in support but expressed concerns about HB 5479.

The following people submitted cards in support of HB 5479, but did not wish to speak:

Ben Bodkin, representing the Michigan Association of Counties,

Matt Tomasiewicz, representing the Intermediate Schools Districts of Ottawa, Muskegon and Kalamazoo,

Andrea Brown, representing the Michigan Association of Planning,

Lee Schwartz, representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders,

Brad Garmon, representing the Michigan Environmental Council.*

Kyle Guerant, representing the Michigan Department of Education, submitted a card in opposition to HB 5479, but did not wish to speak.

Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan School Boards Association, submitted a card in opposition to HB 5479, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Palmer moved to report out HB 5479 with recommendation.

Representative Gillard supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 14-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Palsrok, Pavlov, Meyer, Palmer, LaJoy, Elsenheimer, Moore, Pearce, Gillard, Miller, Byrnes, Kathleen Law, Bennett and Donigan,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HB 5479 reported out with recommendation.

The Chair laid HB 4836 and HB 4837 before the committee.

HB 4836 Ward Housing; housing development authority; website of proposed rules, regulations, or ordinances impacted by a housing analysis; require.

HB 4837 Huizenga Local government; other; financial impact statement for the implementation of certain regulations or ordinances; require.

The committee went at ease at 9:44 a.m.

The committee reconvened at 9:54 a.m.

Representative Huizenga testified in support of HB 4837.

Frank Raha, representing Representative Ward's office, testified in support of HB 4836.

Lee Schwartz, Dawn Crandall, Bill Dykhuis and James Haeussler, representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders, testified in support of HB 4836 and HB 4837.*

Charles Owens, representing the National Federation of Independent Business, submitted a card in support of HB 4836 and HB 4837, but did not wish to speak.*

The following people submitted cards in opposition to HB 4836 and HB 4837, but did not wish to speak:

Doug Roberts, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce,
Brad Ward, representing the Michigan Association of Realtors,
Ben Bodkin, representing the Michigan Association of Counties,
Brad Garmon, representing the Michigan Environmental Council,*
Bob Barker, representing the Home Builders Association of Holland.

Due to time, the following people were not able to speak and opposed HB 4836 and HB 4837:

Andy Schor, representing the Michigan Municipal League,
Bill Anderson, representing the Michigan Townships Association.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:30 a.m.

Representative Palsrok, Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
March 16, 2006
1 hour 20 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates printed materials attached to original minutes.